MARANATHA GLOBAL BIBLE STUDY THE RETURN OF JESUS // JOEL RICHARDSON

JESUS THE BLOOD-SOAKED WARRIOR

WHILE MOST MODERN CHRISTIANS VIEW JESUS ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY AS THE MILD SHEPHERD FIGURE RENDERED BY NUMEROUS ARTISTS, IN TRUTH, WHEN THE BRIDEGROOM RETURNS, HE WILL ARRIVE TO HIS WEDDING SOAKED IN THE BLOOD OF HIS ENEMIES AND THE ENEMIES OF HIS BRIDE.

I. ISAIAH 63

- A. Isaiah 63:1
 - 1) "Bozrah"
 - a) Deuteronomy 33; Judges 5; Psalm 68; Micah 2
 - 2) Isaiah 59:17 spoke of "the arm of the Lord" putting on "garments of vengeance" and "zeal as a mantle
- B. Isaiah 63:2-3
 - 1) in Isaiah 34:7-8, Isaiah had already spoken of the eschatological slaughter in the land of Edom
 - a) "for the Lord has a day of vengeance, a year of recompense, for the cause of Zion"
 - 2) one of the driving reasons for the Lord's return is the hatred against His people
- C. Isaiah 63:4-6
 - "I looked, and there was no one to help...so My own arm brought salvation to Me" Jesus is the only one worthy to - and the only one who will - accomplish the vengeance of God
 - 2) Isaiah 59:15-16
 - a) the Gospel

II. Isaiah 66

- A. Isaiah 66:15-16
 - "the Lord will come in fire" fire consumes. On Mount Sinai, when the Lord came down in fire, the whole top of the mountain was consumed
 - a) Exodus 19:16-18
 - b) Exodus 24:17
 - 2) "those put to death by the Lord will be many" many believers have a hard time reconciling the fact that Jesus will kill the wicked when He returns
 - a) Psalm 110
 - b) Revelation 19:11, 21
- B. Isaiah takes the imagery of these things from the previous prophecies and gives us the most graphic, vivid, and gruesome description of the victorious Divine Warrior in the whole Bible.

